

#### China Market Update

AOT World Tour December 2-4, 2014



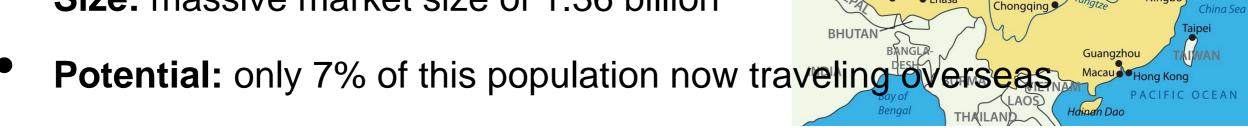


# China Market Update



### Market Overview

Size: massive market size of 1.36 billion



- Growth: number of outbound travelers to double in next 6 years to 200 million
- U.S. Market Share: only 3% of outbound Chinese travelers are now traveling to the U.S.



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### China Outbound Travel Market

2003 20.22 million

2012 83 million (6% of China's population!)

**2013 97 million** 

2014 est. 114 million

**2020 est. 200 million** 





#### Chinese Visitors to the U.S.

• 2003 Under 200,000

2013 1.8 million (+22.6%) #5 overseas market

• 2014 est. 2.18 million (+21%) #4 overseas market

 2017 est. 3.66 million (+18%) #3 overseas market

- 2018 est. 4.31 million (+18%) #2 overseas market
- 2020 est. 4.8 million (+11%) #1 overseas



# Chinese Spend

#### **Disposable Income**

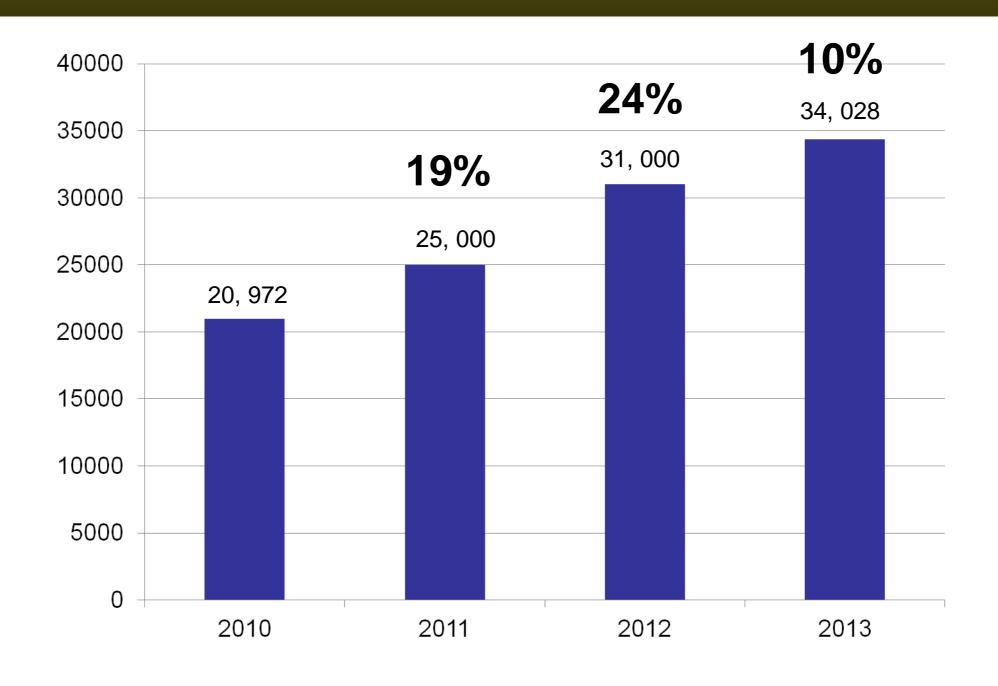
- Chinese disposable income is growing at 20% per year
- Chinese middle and upper class spend 19% of their disposable income on travel

#### **Spend**

- The Chinese Currency (YUAN) is appreciating making travel to the US increasingly affordable
- Chinese spend on average \$6,000 per person per trip to the US (highest)



### Chinese Visitation to Arizona





## China Airlift to the US

**Key China Source Markets** 





# U.S. Gateways



# New China-US Flights 2014

January Beijing to Honolulu (Air China)

April Beijing to Honolulu (Hawaiian Air)

June Beijing to Boston (Hainan Airlines)

June Beijing to Washington (Air China)

June Shanghai to Dallas (American)

August Guangzhou to New York (China Southern)

October Shanghai to Guam (United)

December Guangzhou-Wuhan to San Francisco (China Southern)



# Ports of Entry

Los Angeles 45%

San Francisco 21%

Chicago 10%

New York 8%

Seattle 3%







# New Visa Policy as of 11/10

# Validity of tourist and business visas extended from 1 to 10 years.

"This policy move will harness the colossal and growing Chinese travel market for the direct benefit of U.S. job creation, exports and economic growth. The effects will be both strong and immediate..." Roger Dow, US Travel Assoc. President and CEO

"We've heard from tour companies that Chinese travelers want to experience more of the United States. The longer visa validity allows them **to look beyond the gateways**. It's sure to benefit smaller cities and the nation's heartland." **Pam Inman**, **NTA president** 



# Take Aways

- Huge market growth
- Speed of change
- Phenomenal potential





# What do the Chinese Want?





# Key China Trends

- Rapidly Evolving Profile of Chinese Travelers
  - Leisure travel soaring: 63% share and rising
  - Rapid shift from multi-destination to multi-experience
  - Accelerating shift from package tours to FIT 30% and rising thanks to visa flexibility and rapidly growing sophistication of Chinese travelers
  - Segmentation
- Group 50% O FIT 35%
  - Medical 1% O MICE – 2% Business – %12



# Key China Trends



#### **Implications**

Beyond-the-Gateway Potential: the Chinese travel trade are hungry for new itineraries and new tour products

FIT/Luxury Booming: FIT/luxury travel products are rapidly becoming established and will see the greatest growth over the coming decade

**MICE Market**: China is a huge MICE market, esp. for midsize and large-size incentive groups to the U.S.



### Destination Drivers to the US



- Americana
- General tourism/Sightseeing
- Shopping

- Adventure experiences
- Nature
- Sports & Sports Related

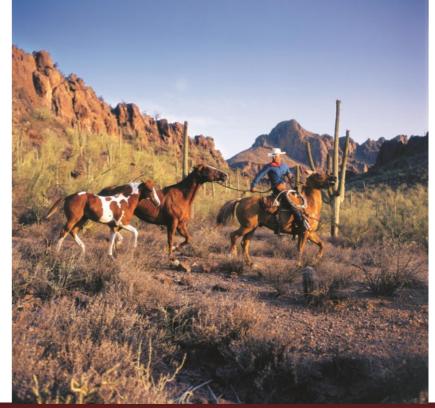




# What do they Want in AZ?

- New USA
- Iconic Locations
- Clean & Fresh
- Western USA Cowboy Culture
- Native American
- Seasonal Weather
- Warm West Coast







### The Independent Traveler (FIT)

Long accustomed to fly-by-night group tours, the new Chinese tourist is increasingly independent and demanding of more unique and authentic experiences when they travel. While group tourism still dominates, brands face challenges in serving the new Chinese tourist.

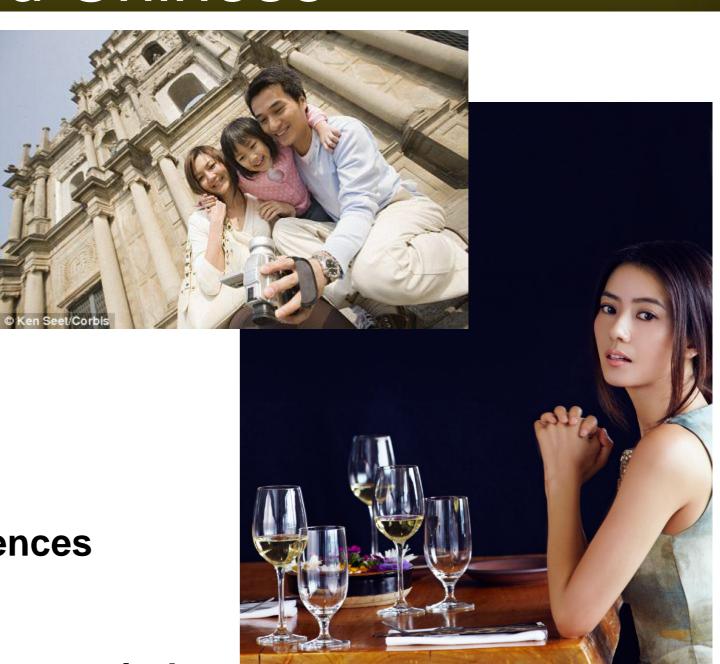


- Skift Report 2013



# Characteristics of independent outbound Chinese

- Younger
- Richer
- More educated
- More sophisticated travelers
- Demanding
- Enjoys indulging
- More connected
- Eager for unique travel experiences
- Plan extensively
- Stay in one destination for longer periods





#### Traveler Traits and Preferences

"If I want the Chinese traveler, do I have to have slippers and tea pots in the rooms?"

- Will try local foods, but they also like Chinese.
- Well-appointed accommodations (with Wifi!)
- Brand loyal
- They like busy agendas, some activities should be planned.
- They like soft adventures
- They do like mixing with locals
- Having a bilingual guide or materials is a plus, but not a deal-breaker.





### China Travel Trade Landscape

#### **Traditional Travel Agencies**

CITS TTS

CYTS U Tour

CTS Jinjiang Tours

Spring Int'l Travel

**GZL** 

**Guangdong CTS** 

#### Receptive Services

Lulutrip Lion Tours Galaxy Tours
Hyde International

All Americas American International Tours

#### OTAs – Online Travel Agencies

Ctrip Qunar Tuniu E Long Woqu Lulutrip





## How to Work with the Trade

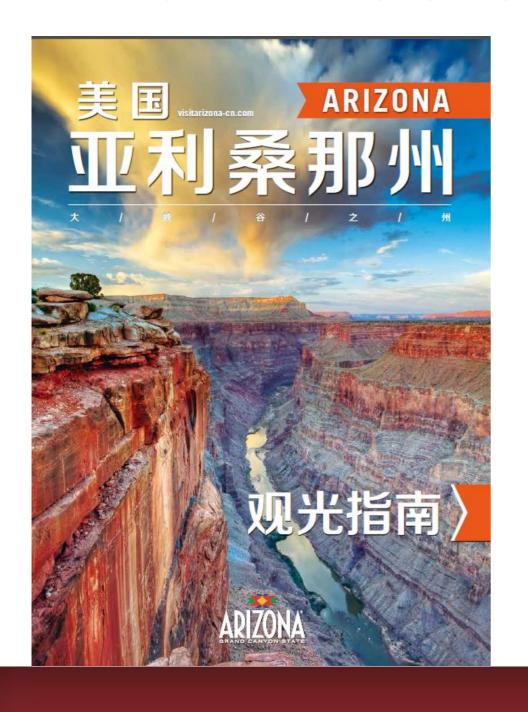


- Suggested itineraries
  - **❖**general
  - ❖niche-based
- Packages
- Receptive companies



# Our Marketing Activities

#### VisitArizona.cn.com





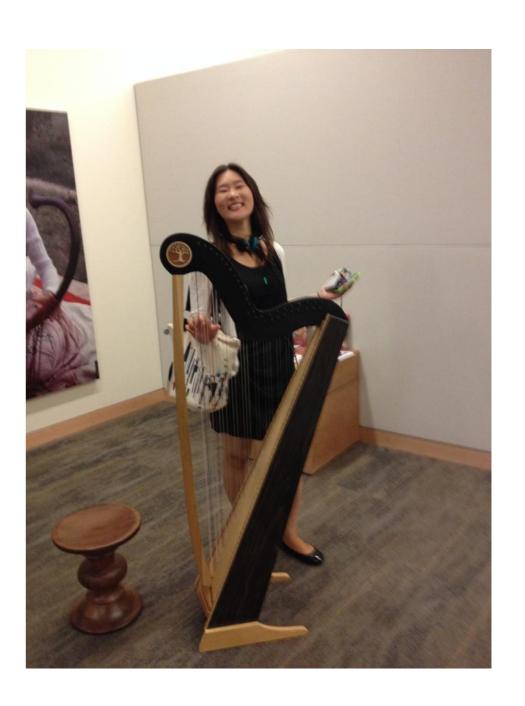
Chinese language brochure



# Trade Activity & Opportunities

- Familiarization Trips (FAMs)
- October 2013 & October 2014







# Trade Activity & Opportunities

- Trade and Media Mission January 2014
- CITM November (Brand USA Pavilion)







# Where Do They Get Information?



# Media Landscape

- Newspapers Over 200. 16 National Dailies with circulations of 480,000+
- Magazines numerous. 50 lifestyle, tourism and fashion magazines. Avg circulation 80,000+
- Leading consumer travel publications: Conde Nast Traveler,
   Voyage, National Geographic Traveler, Travel + Leisure, etc.
- Travel Trade publications- 13.
   Magazines 11 (circ: 50,000+)
   Newspapers-2 (circulation 150,000+
- Newswires, television, radio





### Online and Mobile

#### Put it in perspective:

Population = 1.37 billion

#### **ONLINE**

- Internet Users-686 million
  - larger than the population of EU

#### **MOBILE CONNECTION**

- 700 million smart phone users
- 500 million mobile web users





# Social Media Landscape

- Portals- Sina, Sohu
- Social network/Microblog -Weibo (Twitter)



- IM/Chat Wechat (Facebook)
- Video Youku Tudou
- Other social networking, forums







### Selection Tools

- 1 Travel Agencies: Travel agencies remain the dominant destination selection tool
- 2. Online channels: Including destination websites, travel portals, social networking channels, and blogs are soaring in importance as a destination selection channel
- **3.** Word of Mouth: "Bragging rights" are extremely important in the China market



# PR Activities & Opportunities

- Monthly enewsletters
- Press Releases
- Social Media (Weibo)
- 2 Press Trips and 7 Individual Journalists
- Sales & Media Mission January 2014



### enewsletter and Press Releases





#### 2014图森自行车赛

一年一度的图森自行车赛将于11月22日,星期六举行。此赛事是美国最大的面向全年龄段的自行车赛,每年在感恩节前的星期六举行,已经吸引了来自美国和全世界超过9000名自行车手参与。车手可以沿着图森市骑行104英里或者在环形赛道上骑行40公里。此外,还有一个四分之一英里的趣味骑行比赛。

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#### 亚利桑那州文化旅途: 古老的印第安文化

在"大統領之州"(Grand Carryon State)亚列撒斯(Arizona),弗爾不恩的科罗拉多河北拉一位 作大的維持大师,在经过数百万年的特心概率,将 于在亚利桑斯州西北部的第四天和原上,但由出世 州北巴的的州里和——"科罗拉多大城谷"。



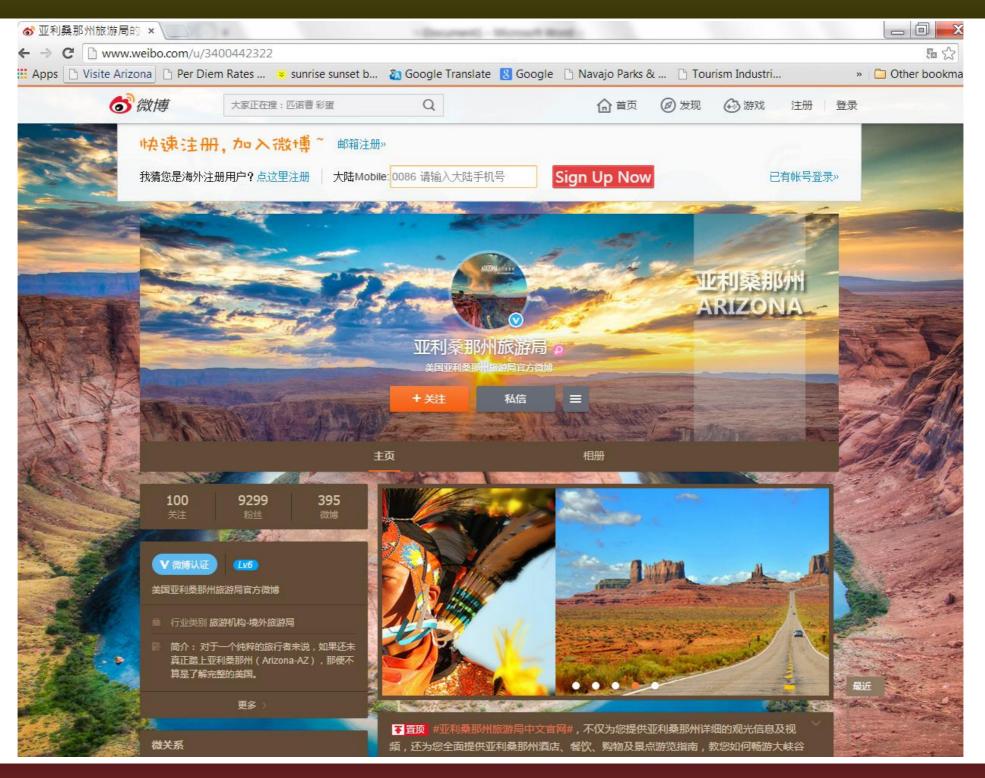


#### 亚利桑那州简介

到于一个何何的旅行者来说,如果还未真正混上过位利桑的州,那使不算是了解沉思的美国。被复 为"大块谷之州"的亚利桑的州位于美国西南部,首约风泉域,地域辽阔。东接新疆西部州,唯与 第四百共和国和连,西阔科罗拉罗河与加州城市亚州域。亚利桑部州又有美国最大的法定美洲印象 安人即落,西州近277页里的大块谷宝家公园是亚利桑的州最具标志性的自然存取,科罗拉罗河自 标规率流而过,超勒达河西南方向,而近省第一页里罗岛的上方到桑立着一直直动动的将石墙,令 人双为程止。



### Social Media





### Chinese Media Press Trip Nov 2014



Visited: Phoenix, Monument Valley, Grand Canyon, Williams, Sedona, Tucson, Scottsdale

7 Journalists Representing: Outdoor Magazine, DEEP, BQ Magazine, Travel+, Driving Tour Magazine, Photographer/Blogger/Key Opinion Leader, Traveler & Photography



## Results













## Key Opinion Leader (KOL)



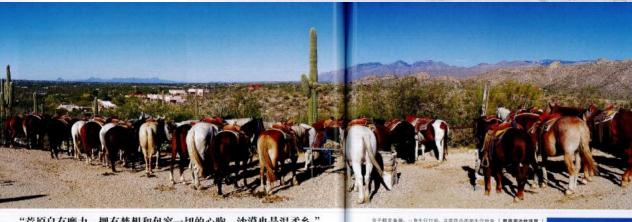


#### Weibo



#### **Print Articles**





#### "荒原自有魔力,拥有梦想和包容一切的心胸,沙漠也是温柔乡。"

小镇赛多纳(Sedona) 远远望去就像是一座休闲度假 圣地。规模并不小的村镇被群山与溪流所环绕,小镇上遭 央的小商店、工艺品店、提倡酒店、小概宜比比皆是。并 不啻敞的公路上四处行驶看镇上所独有的。可替领游客上 山瀬野取行的"粉红古書车" ( Pink Josp Tours)。 赛多纳 一向被认为拥有许多超自然的,源自灵界的事物。因此这 座城市是印第安人的'圣宠',每年都有许多朝圣君和术士前 来朝拜。尽管知道这一切的神秘,但当我看到了嘉多纳的 郑度镇该在新道错除中的圣十字教堂 I Chapel of the Holey Cross) 之时还是被其神秘的力量所需感到了。默默地在那 里做了一次废谜的祷告。

第八天政府程能往至利桑郑州图森(Tucson) 萊知 第八天長台程維持至利最厚州倒進「Tucson」第24 出度實程状態,由于有法專多的營歷一供接色。等验其 並出度違的計畫大也已使,并至都不經直清經得使中的 完一致儿享學女立然深具光、網附抵巴图處的禮學故境。 而未分清末而而主,就被出地人遊詢加人一切以為此野 動性的工程學 是一樣素質 動物與可其性 是一樣素質 動物與同類的形成 或以那從真的遊血來了。接了推應級,才看與否已經愈於 在核念性的美国國際深深비中,江湖的知道。其間十日報 即應用數學與特別有數學。 "在即看他們 "小美女"热情地拉去玩壶牛游戏: 就是像电影里高部 詹砂崙山丘中穿 年行手里即神奇的绳子去套住这些的一块大小和形状与 牛犊相似的搬料雕塑,这个小游戏让无论是参与者还是 一旁的旁观者笑得信仰后合。那一晚我们一行人玩得无比

第二天一早。睡眠朦胧的我放被叫起来去转马,说来

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脚蹬替马靴的牛仔就活生生地站在我的面前,当然还有转 量中那令人过日不忘的十几米高的巨型仙人掌。 获特意法 発了一头马背接近2米的白色高头大马,名叫Dees。身高1 米85的就像上去后得有3米来高。碳霉磷行的马队穿接在 十八米高的仙人掌之间,像假了电影中的经典片疏。马队 前行有半个多小时。牧场老板的大篷车早就停在前面驻扎。 并且体贴地媒好了英味的富霉馅煎饼等着我们的到来。老 等子就来拿那一身有打打除。非常符点那年行何风 成。这只土地中语智处图像所,比例的物性也用来 车。最初建立这个技术的主人故智能均是死尽强问效应 的下落。他参于诸龙星星压绕故事。他被对打的所说起 数理的的场象元。 P是他们可有效物效正的消失 在 垃圾有找批。今天这里依然变更。大片的土地被影为钩 统 想面能需求那算 人掌国家公园。但牧场的设施却已经与时俱进。维德牧场 设有水疗中心。在马不得痛的一天全营套被之后,中任们 在这里可以享受核摩隆务, 让棘疼的肌肉指症放松。这家 牧场在2012年被(亚利桑那共和报) 涉为"最任度假牧场"。 入住的宾客可以早起排牛奶。白天骏马纵横、晚上致流逃

健健原车前进,我变利桑州之族的最后一些更新科特 戴尔。这座丰尼克斯近郊的小镇军邻飞机场,对于着急回 家的我们相当便利。一路远征之后我们决定在此事更一下 当地署名的水疗、放松一下身心。"不管你们信不信,被上 有三百多家水疗中心。百分之七十的客人是当地人。" 晚饭 时,希尔德港店员工安妮告诉我们、安妮有两个从中国发展 的女儿,听说我们来自中国就热情地邀请我们和她的朋友 们一起夜餐。苹果帮她女儿练习汉语。"你们可以整理检查

安妮的大女儿来自南京。二女儿来自广东。太女儿户经 上高中了。安妮里持要求她们学习汉语。"我们尽力让她们 不忘记自己的文化,老二还小,再大点也要学汉语"。 安妮 说老二的脑不太好。去年都在里尼克斯治病荒废了學會。"但

是現地環接的重 毒軟饼(上、石)。

更今年我们会赵衍来的。" 餐桌上聚集了安妮的家人和排 成滞的原因爱上了这里,留在了这里。或许,这就是纯正 的美国西部生活吧,埃斯白有魔力,只要拥有梦想和包容

一切的心胸,沙漠也是温柔多。

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Chinese Media Press Trip October 2014



Visited: Phoenix, Page, Antelope Canyon, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Williams, Sedona, Scottsdale

8 Journalists Representing: Fellow Traveler, Traveler & Photographer, National Geographic Traveler, China.com, Nan Fang Media Group, Conde Nast Traveler Digital, eLong, Traveler Magazine



#### Chinese Journalists

October 2013 Red, White and Blue, Qu Yuping, WiTrip

December 2013 Golf Shoot Out, Qing Huang, Golf Digest

China and Wang Hao, Golf Week China

March 2014 Insiders Arizona, Zhang Bing, Travel + Leisure

May 2014 Grand Canyon Whitewater Rafting, Chen Xia,

Outdoor Exploration

FY 14 5 Individual Journalists

October 2014 Aged to Perfection, Wang Jiamei, Global Times

November 2014 Havasupai Falls, Kelvin Li, National Geographic

FY 15 to date 2 Individual Journalists



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